

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., JANUARY 19TH, 2023 A.D.

Honoring Pioneer Sno Surfers Sardinia Snowmobile Club for Their Heroic Efforts During the Buffalo Blizzard 2022

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 19th day of January 2023 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature is pleased to honor individuals and institutions in our community who enhance the quality of life for their family, friends, and neighbors through their conscientious and selfless service; and

WHEREAS, a deadly winter storm unleashed a fierce blizzard that swept through Erie County over Christmas weekend, burying the City of Buffalo and surrounding suburbs in over fifty-two inches of snow, leaving roadways impassable, stranding people in cars with dwindling gas tanks, forcing hundreds of vehicles to be abandoned on roads and highways, and tragically resulting in the loss of more than forty lives; and

WHEREAS, when the dangerous storm conditions made it impossible for emergency vehicles to respond and caused as much as two-thirds of the snow-clearing equipment to be unavailable for service at the height of the storm, the **WNY Federation of Snowmobile Club's** sprang into action; and

WHEREAS, in the face of howling snow, tropical storm force winds, and freezing temperatures, the **Pioneer Sno Surfers** brought in four-wheel drive vehicles and worked alongside **World Central Kitchen** to distribute meals to volunteers, emergency responders and to those in dire need, providing both subsistence and hope to those most impacted by the blizzard; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the severe challenges and extreme conditions presented by this deadly blizzard, the **WNY Federation** members placed themselves in harm's way, braved whiteout conditions and subzero windchills and performed heroically to rescue more than one hundred people who were in great danger during the storm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and express their endless gratitude to the **Pioneer Sno Surfers**, who risked their lives to an extraordinary degree saving or attempting to save the lives of others in this once in a generational storm.

MINORITY LEADER JOHN J. MILLS
Erie County Legislator – 11th District